

Amended
June 16, 2013
Annual Operating Instructions
2013
Manning Creek Cattle Allotment
Richfield RD, Fishlake NF

This AOI is made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). Situations may develop during the grazing season which requires changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some or part of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions. Failure to follow these instructions is a violation of your permit.

Permittee	Ear Tag Color & #’s	Permitted*			Authorized**		
		Number	Class	Season	Number	Class	Season
Grant Anderton	White	115		6/15---9/30	115		6/15---9/30
Stanton Gleave	White	100		6/15---9/30	100		6/15---9/30
Waylon Gleave	White	42		6/15---9/30	42		6/15---9/30
*Permitted use is the livestock numbers and season of use listed on your grazing permit. **Authorized use is the number of livestock and season of use you are authorized for in the current grazing season and reflects stocking and/or season of use adjustments for the given year.							

Non-use: Please be aware that nonuse in excess of 10% of your permitted numbers must be requested at least 30 days before the “on date “. Nonuse for personal convenience may be approved on a year-to-year basis for a maximum of three consecutive years and not more than four years in any 10 year period. Longer periods of nonuse for range protection will only be approved under a written agreement.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Grazing Schedule

Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
Smith Canyon Bench Unit	6/15---7/15	31	257
Little Table Unit	6/25---7/15		257
BigTable Unit	7/16---7/31		257
Windy Ridge Unit	8/1---8/31	31	257
Manning Meadows Unit	9/1---9/30	30	257
Big Flat Unit	Rest	0	0

*The above schedule is an **estimate** and may be modified at any time if: utilization levels are met, water availability is inadequate, drought, delayed forage development or wet soil conditions.

This Annual Operating Instruction has been modified as a result of a meeting that was held on July 15, 2013 at the Richfield District Office. The meeting became necessary because of disagreement between the Forest Service and Permittees over maintenance of the Little Table fence and three water pipelines in the Smith Canyon Unit and Little Table Unit. Utilization on riparian areas on Little Table Unit was exceeded by early cattle use on the area. At the meeting an agreement was reached by the Richfield District Ranger and three permittees, Stanton Gleave, Grant and Keith Anderton to round up all cattle and move the herd above Deleew's Gate in the Big Table Unit. No more use will be made in the Little Table unit. The cattle will remain on Big Table Unit until July 31, 2013. Then cattle will be moved into the Windy Ridge Unit until August 31, 2013. Then cattle will be moved into the Manning Meadows Unit until September 30, 2013, when they will be removed from the forest. Cattle will be rounded up out of Manning Meadows Unit and herded down off of the forest through the Windy Ridge Unit.

Allowable use levels are more important than tentative dates listed above. If allowable use levels are met early in the scheduled pasture, cattle will be required to be moved to another area of the pasture, moved to another pasture, or removed from the Forest. If early pasture moves occur, District range personnel or the District Ranger must be notified. Delayed pasture moves must be coordinated with District range personnel or the District Ranger prior to the scheduled move date.

Type of rotation: Rest Rotation

All livestock must be removed from the Forest by the permitted off date listed above.

Previous year's grazing results: Utilization by cattle was within forest standards and guidelines.

Notice of Non-compliance/Suspension Actions: None

Additional instructions: None

UTILIZATION STANDARDS & MONITORING

Maximum Allowable Forage Use Criteria

Vegetation Type	Stubble Height/Use	Comments
Riparian Hydric Species	4"	Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment.
Riparian Emphasis Management Areas	6"	Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment.
Non-hydric sod forming grass species in riparian areas	1.5"	Primarily Kentucky bluegrass-Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment.
Wheatgrass seedings	60%	Management option to exceed 60% use to maintain healthy seedings.
Riparian/upland browse: Sprouts and young-aged plants	≤40%	# of current year's available twigs removed.
Riparian/upland mature browse	≤50%	# of current year's available twigs removed.
Upland grass/forb	40-60% of key species; varies by grazing system and desired condition	% of current year's growth.
Riparian ground cover	Maintain ground cover of at least 70% within riparian areas.	

The above utilization standards take precedence over the tentative dates listed in the grazing schedule. You are responsible to monitor your livestock and comply with the listed utilization standards and to move livestock prior to **any** of the above standards being exceeded.

Compliance monitoring inspections will be conducted by Forest Service personnel throughout the grazing season in key areas across the allotment. You are invited and it is recommended that you participate in these inspections.

Exceeding the utilization standards may be considered as non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may be subject to suspension or cancellation of the permit.

Additional instructions: None

BILLING

Your annual grazing bill must be paid and notification received in our office prior to turning livestock onto the National Forest. It may take 10 days or more from the time you mail your payment until we receive payment notification so plan accordingly. **Once we have received notification of your payment clearing the lock box, we will issue you a letter authorizing you to turn your livestock onto the allotment. Do not place your livestock on the allotment without this letter.**

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

You are responsible for maintaining the range improvements assigned to you in Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit. All improvements are to be maintained to standard prior to livestock entering the allotment, even in the event of non-use. Standards are found in your Term Grazing Permit or at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/resources/rangemgt.shtml> . Livestock entry onto the Forest may be delayed if improvements are not maintained to acceptable standards.

Scheduled reconstruction for upcoming season:

Little Table Unit Fence

Manning Meadows Big Table Fence

Dry Creek Zone Fence

Vale Creek Fence

Little Table Pipelines

You must obtain prior written approval from the District Ranger before constructing/installing structural range improvements or using or applying any pesticide/herbicide.

Any improvement, which is no longer functional or no longer needed, will be removed from the allotment by the permittee. The removal of any improvement must have prior approval by the District Ranger.

Failure to maintain your assigned range improvements may be considered as non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may be subject to suspension or cancellation of your permit.

Additional instructions: None

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

You or the association will furnish sufficient riders or herders for proper distribution, protection and management of livestock on the allotment as required by the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) and/or Annual Operating Instructions (AOI).

You are required to submit actual use information for the allotment. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the district office within two weeks of removal of livestock from the Forest.

Salt and other dietary supplements are a distribution tool, and as such, should not be placed within ¼ mile of riparian areas, water troughs and ponds; within 200 ft. of designated roads, trails, trail heads or camping spots which have frequent use. Avoid salting in or near tree plantations or regenerating aspen stands. Exceptions to these standards must have prior approval.

Salt will be moved from areas where feed has been used to standards.

The Fishlake National Forest Travel Plan must be followed while managing livestock unless approved in advance and in writing by the District Ranger.

Livestock should be drifted instead of trailed wherever possible. Previously grazed units must have all livestock removed from them.

All livestock feed or straw brought onto the Forest must be certified weed free per Regional Forester's Order #04-00-058, dated March 26, 1996 (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/resources/rangemgt.shtml>).

Dead livestock shall be moved at least ¼ mile from roads, water sources, and camping spots, which have evidence of frequent use.

All garbage resulting from activities associated with this permit shall be removed from National Forest lands and disposed of properly.

Additional instructions: None